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In re Application of:

**Arlene M. Vance et al.**

Application No.: 08/951,630

Filed: October 16, 1997

For: SYSTEM FOR CORPORATE  
TRAVELER PLANNING AND  
MANAGEMENT

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE OUTSTANDING  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2003, Applicants have extended the period for response through July 18, 2003, by the attached Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the requisite fee of \$110.00.

**I. The June 19<sup>th</sup> Interview**

In an effort to expedite the prosecution of this application, avoid any further delays, and/or streamline the issues for appeal, Applicants conducted a personal interview with Examiner Bui and Primary Examiner Pwu on June 19, 2003. Applicants appreciate the Examiners' consideration of the issues and arguments presented and the candid discussion of the deficiencies of the outstanding grounds for rejection. During the interview, Applicants summarized the features of the claimed invention, and the

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